



## **Notice to All ESNZ Endurance Officials**

There has been some confusion as to what officials can and cannot do in relation to taking heart rate at CEN events.

This is covered in Supplementary Rule 2.1.

### **2.1 Veterinarians at Endurance Events**

- a) A registered veterinarian is required at all endurance events with a ride of 40km and over to conduct all veterinary inspections. Vet gate heart rates may be taken by an Official*
- b) A local veterinarian will be required to be on call for events with rides of 39km or less.*
- c) At rides of 39km or less the pre and post vet examinations can be undertaken by Officials.*

Officials may only take heart rates when the horse is presented at a vet gate. This does not include heart rates taken at the Pre-Ride or Final Inspection as these are not Vet Gates. Pre-ride and final heart rates must always be done by a registered vet.

If an official takes a Vet Gate heart rate and it is above 64 bpm the official must immediately advise the vet so the vet can check the heart rate as soon as they are free. The official cannot take the heart rate a second time nor can they send the horse out of the vet ring. The horse must go straight to the vet for its heart rate to be checked. If the heart rate is then 64 or less it will be recorded in the logbook and the vet will continue with the inspection. If the heart rate is over 64 the vet will send the horse out of the vet ring and it can be presented again to a vet, not an official, any time within the permitted presentation time.

At FEI events all veterinary procedures for all inspections must be carried out by a member of the Vet iCommision so official cannot take any heart rates at FEI events.